



### SAJSS-HMMSA Poland Journey

Wednesday 7 October 2026 - Tuesday 13 October 2026

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#### **A Journey Through Poland:**

Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Future

#### **Warsaw Chopin Airport**

Arrive Warsaw - Welcome!

#### **Warsaw Jewish Cemetery**

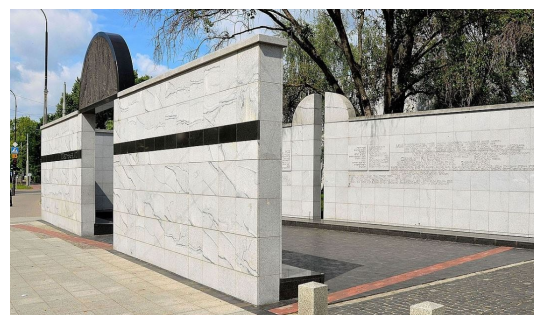
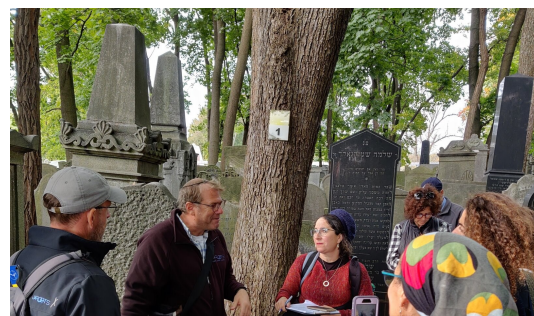
Visit the life of the Jewish people pre-war through the Jewish Cemetery of Warsaw. The cemetery allows us to understand the richness and diversity of life prewar.

#### **Polin – The Museum of the History of Polish Jews**

The Museum's Core Exhibition immerses visitors in the world of Polish Jews, from their arrival in Polin as traveling merchants in medieval times until today. Each of the eight galleries presents a different chapter of the story of Polish Jews, enabling visitors to come into intimate contact with those who lived that story through images, artifacts, first-person accounts and interactive multimedia.

#### **Warsaw Ghetto**

A walking tour of the area of the Warsaw Ghetto, the Umschlagplatz monument, Ghetto Uprising monument and Miła 18.



Overnight in Warsaw

Thursday 8 October 2026

### Remembering the Past

#### Yeshivat Chachmei Lublin

Jews lived in Lublin since the 14th Century and it was one of the most important Jewish communities in Poland. Before the war, Yeshivat Chachmei Lublin was the most famous Yeshiva in Poland, if not the world. It was led by the dynamic Rabbi and member of the Polish Parliament – Rabbi Meir Shapiro.



#### Majdanek

The infamous Majdanek concentration camp was located three kilometres from the centre of Lublin and was in operation from October 1941 until July 1944.



#### Grodzka Gate - NN Theatre

Founded by local enthusiasts in 1990 the Grodzka Gate NN Theatre Centre runs a range of activities and programmes drawing on the symbolic and historical significance of its residence, the Grodzka Gate, also known as the Jewish Gate. The Gate used to be a passage from the Christian to the Jewish part of the city, a meeting place of various cultures, traditions and religions.



#### Krasnik Synagogue

The only remains from the significant Jewish community in the shtetl of Krasnik is the shul complex.



#### Lezajsk (Lizensk)

The grave of R' Elimelech of Lezajsk attracts pilgrims from around the world making the surviving cemetery one of the largest sites of Jewish pilgrimage in Poland.



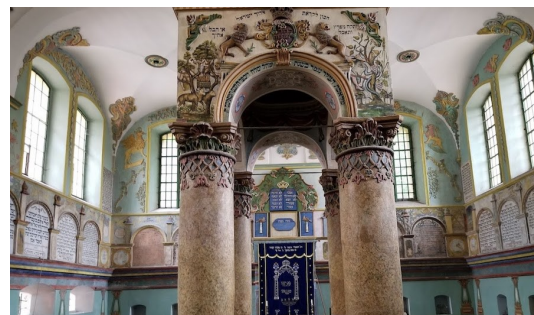
Overnight in Lancut

Friday 9 October 2026

### Strength and Survival

#### Lancut

The town of Łańcut was central to the development of Chassidut in Poland. The synagogue from 1761 has been stunningly restored with wall decorations from 18th and 19th centuries.



#### Markowa

A small town close to Łańcut in which we can tell the remarkable story of those who put their lives at risk to save the lives of Jews during the Holocaust.



#### Tarnow

Before the war, about 25,000 Jews lived in Tarnów, comprising about half of the town's population. By the end of the war the overwhelming majority of Tarnów Jews had been murdered by the Germans.

#### Zbylitowska Góra

The final resting place of the many of Jews from Tarnów.



#### Shabbat in Krakow

We will enjoy the special Shabbat atmosphere in the historic Jewish area of Krakow and walk the streets that were once teeming with Jews from all walks of life.



Overnight in Krakow

Saturday 10 October 2026

### A Day of Treasured Connections

#### Optional Shabbat Service

##### Kiddush

A special Shabbat light meal with traditional Polish Jewish foods.

##### Kazimierz

A walking tour of one of the most intact and significant collection of Jewish buildings in Central Europe today, including seven remaining synagogues. It was home to Jews for hundreds of years and was one of the most important European Jewish communities.

##### JCC of Krakow

Engaging with Krakow's Jewish community and witnessing the revival of Jewish life in Poland. Meet the executive director (TBC).

##### Shabbat Lunch - Galicia Museum

Dine in a space dedicated to Jewish history and memory.

##### Shabbat Ends and Havdalla Service

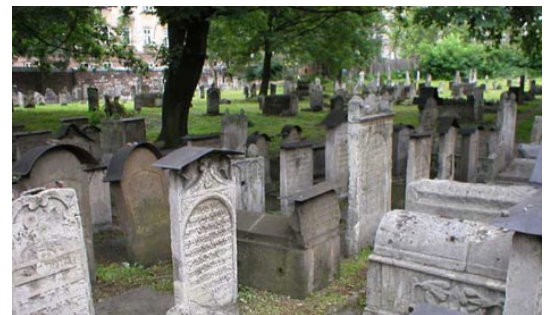
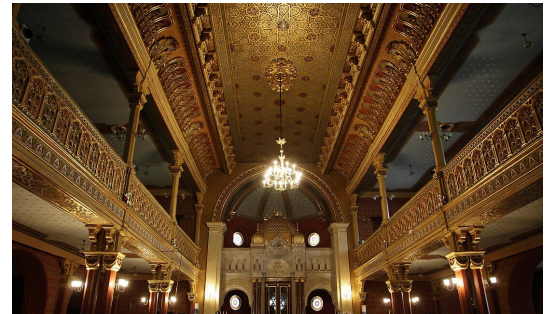
Shabbat concludes, we celebrate a meaningful Havdalah service, making a distinction between Shabbat and the rest of the week.

##### Krakow Ghetto

Over the bridge from Kazimierz is the former WWII ghetto situated in the Podgórze area of the city where traces of the ghetto wall can still be found.

##### Schindler's Factory

The original enamelware factory acquired by German industrialist Oskar Schindler during WWII. It eventually became the place in which he saved over 1000 Jews and was made famous by Steven Spielberg's 'Schindler's List'. Schindler was awarded Yad Vashem's award of Righteous Among the Nations in 1993.



Overnight in Krakow

Sunday 11 October 2026

### Bearing Witness

#### Auschwitz- Birkenau

The largest of Nazi Germany's concentration camps and extermination camps operational during World War II, the camp took its German name from the name of the Polish town of Oświęcim in which it is located. Most victims were killed in Auschwitz II's gas chambers using Zyklon B; other deaths were caused by systematic starvation, forced labour, lack of disease control, individual executions and purported "medical experiments".

#### Commandant's House

The former Commandant's House at Auschwitz, where Rudolf Höss and his family lived during World War II, has been converted into the Auschwitz Research Center on Hate, Extremism and Radicalization (ARCHER), which opened to the public in January 2025. The house is also the location of two important movies, 1 The Zone of Interest (2023) and 2, The Commandant's Shadow (2024).



Overnight in Łódź

Monday 12 October 2026

### Lodz Ghetto

The Lodz Ghetto was the longest existing ghetto in Nazi Europe. It was known as a productive ghetto due to its factories producing uniforms and other items for the German army. More than 210,000 Jews passed through the ghetto which was finally liquidated in the summer of 1944. The Radegast Train Station served as the departure point to the death camps in Chełmno and Auschwitz.



Overnight in Warsaw

Tuesday 13 October 2026

### Closing Reflections & Departure Day

#### Treblinka

The site of the infamous Nazi death camp - one of three camps under Operation Reinhard - operational from the summer of 1942 until autumn 1943, in which close to 900,000 Jews were murdered.

#### Conclusions

A last gathering before departure to share final words and say l'hitraot.

#### Warsaw Chopin Airport

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